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SUMMARY. MAIN ITEMS WERE AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE OF
NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICIALS (CONIO) AND NATO
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS. END SUMMARY.

1. MAY 11 MEETING COVERED SIX- POINT AGENDA:

A. ANTI- WESTERN PROPAGANDA. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS.

B. NATO 25 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. COMMITTEE
DECIDED THAT BEFORE STARTING TO MAKE DETAILED PLANS IT
WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ASK A SENIOR NATO COMMITTEE FOR
POLITICAL DECISION ON WHETHER SUCH CELEBRATIONS SHOULD IN FACT
TAKE PLACE. STEPS WHICH NEED TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO REQUESTING
SUCH A DECISION ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED.

C. AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICIALS
(REF USNATO 1826). AT SUGGESTION OF NATO DIRECTOR OF
INFORMATION, COMMITTEE AGREED TO ADD ITEM TO AGENDA UNDER
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WHICH HE AND NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICIALS COULD DISCUSS
NATO' S INFORMATION PHILOSOPHY, I. E., HOW INFORMATION
PROGRAM SHOULD BE COORDINATED AND ADAPTED FOR DIFFERENT
NATO COUNTRIES.

D. PROPOSED 1973 INFORMATION EXPENDITURES. THIS ITEM HAD TO DO WITH NATO INFORMATION SERVICE' S INTERNAL ALLOCATION OF THE 55,306,000 BELGIAN FRANCS VOTED BY NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN 1973. ALLOCATION CONTAINED NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEAR AND WAS APPROVED BY CICR.

E. NATO RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS.

(1) COMMITTEE ACCEPTED CANADIAN PROPOSAL RE CHANGE IN WORDING OF ITEM 14 OF FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM (REF STATE 35315, USNATO 998).

(2) DIFFERENCES OVER FELLOWSHIP BROCHURE' S STATEMENT OF DEGREE REQUIREMENT TOOK ANOTHER STEP TOWARD RESOLUTION. BASIS OF COMPROMISE IS NEW WORDING INTRODUCED BY TURKEY AT PREVIOUS MEETING (USNATO 1413, PARA 1 D(3)). FRANCE AGREED AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF PHRASE " IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES." PROPOSED NEW WORDING READS AS FOLLOWS: " CANDIDATES MUST BE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES. HOWEVER, IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT UNIVERSITY GRADUATES MAY BE CONSIDERED PROVIDED THEY HAVE THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT". NETHERLANDS NOT SATISFIED BY DEGREE OF LIBERALIZATION REPRESENTED BY THIS FORMULATION, BUT SEEMS PREPARED TO GO ALONG RELUCTANTLY. ONLY FLAT OBJECTION WAS RAISED BY GREECE, WHICH WANTS RETENTION OF OLD WORDING: " CANDIDATES MUST BE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES OF ESTABLISHED REPUTATION". U. S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID HE HOPED GREEK AUTHORITIES UNDERSTOOD THAT EVEN WITH PROPOSED NEW WORDING GREECE COULD STILL IMPOSE MORE RIGOROUS STANDARDS FOR ITS OWN CANDIDATES, AS THE U. S. HAS DONE FOR YEARS, BUT THAT BY GOING ALONG WITH COMPROMISE IT WOULD HELP NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES WITHOUT HURTING PROGRAM IN GREECE OR PROGRAM OVERALL. CHAIRMAN ASKED GREEK REPRESENTATIVE TO SEE WHETHER HIS AUTHORITIES COULD AGREE TO YIELD TO DESIRES OF OTHER NATIONS AND ACCEPT THIS COMPROMISE.

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F. OTHER BUSINESS. CHAIRMAN INVITED ATTENTION OF COMMITTEE TO NAC REPORT ON AD-70 IMPLEMENTATION (AC/281/ D(73)1), IN PARTICULAR TO CHAPTER 10 ON " PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING", WHICH WAS WRITTEN FROM REPORTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF CICR (REF STATE 27207, USNATO 63).

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